Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Lupe Rodriguez helped build the Oahe Dam while working for a private construction firm, then began working for the Corps of Engineers on May 20, 1965; and,

WHEREAS, Lupe Rodriguez has held various jobs as laborer, painter and tractor operator; and on March 17, 1974, became the Custodian for the entire Oahe Powerhouse which has been complimented by many visitors for its cleanliness and shiny floors; and,

WHEREAS, Prior to working for the private contractors and the federal government, Lupe served his country well in the U.S. Army from May 30, 1943 to January 20, 1946; and,

WHEREAS, Lupe is married to Alyce Rodriguez of Pierre; and he and Alyce have opened their home and their hearts to many foster children over the years; and,

WHEREAS, Lupe is well liked by the people at the Oahe Project. He is known for his sense of humor and displays it well by using such names as "Colonel of the Urinal" and "Buck Wheat", which he will be remembered for; and,

WHEREAS, Lupe Rodriguez is retiring from the Oahe Dam after 25 years of federal service; and,

WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper for the Governor of South Dakota to make note of one of its outstanding citizens:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 29, 1987, as

LUPE RODRIGUEZ DAY

in South Dakota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Governor's Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirteenth Day of May, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Seven

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOAN HAMILTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE